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## FEATURE WALK Explore The City

November 2008

**Name of Activity:**

Mount Taylor Nature Trail

**Length:**

860m (The walk will take you 155m higher up the mountain).

**Approximate Time:**

45 minutes return

**Grade:**

Moderate with some steep steps and uneven, rocky sections.

**The Walk:**

Access is from Parkhill Street in the suburb of Pearce.

**Services:**

The closest public toilets are at Mawson shops.

**What will I discover?**

This recently realigned track replaced the very steep Richmond fellowship track. The old track route has been rehabilitated so please keep to the new track. A series of six interpretive signs provide fascinating information about the local geology as well as plant and animal life on the mountain. The track passes through a stand of drooping she-oak and also some red box trees. Did you know that the vulnerable pink – tailed worm lizard lives on Mt Taylor and makes its home under rocks. It takes over ant tunnels—that's an indication of how small they are. The sun-warmed rocks heat up the tunnels—a form of solar heating. Animals that may be seen include eastern grey kangaroos and perhaps even a wedge-tailed eagle. You may see young birds learning to fly.

**What will I learn?**

You will discover Canberra's diverse and beautiful woodlands, you will see magnificent views and you will find out lots about the native flora and fauna.

**What do I need to take?**

A drink for the summit. Ensure you wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Dogs are allowed on a lead.

**Other walks/activities links**

For further information on Mt Taylor go to

[http://www.tams.act.gov.au/play/parks forests and reserves/recreation in acts parks forests and bushlands/canberra\\_nature\\_park/canberra\\_nature\\_parks\\_maps](http://www.tams.act.gov.au/play/parks_forests_and_reserves/recreation_in_act_parks_forests_and_bushlands/canberra_nature_park/canberra_nature_parks_maps)

For Further information on Canberra's native bird life go to:

<http://canberrabirds.org.au/>

**How to get there?**

The start of the walk is from the National Bicentennial trail that skirts the eastern side of Mt Taylor. Access is off Parkhill Street in Pearce. Enjoy your walk.